

PROCLAMATION **ADOPT A LIBRARY DAY** APRIL 23, 2009

WHEREAS, North Dakota's citizens benefit greatly from libraries located across our state, as they enable North Dakotans of all ages and backgrounds to access books and other resources that open new opportunities for life-long learning and self-discovery; and

WHEREAS, in order to help maintain books in a variety of different genres, our libraries depend upon the support of partners to enhance both the quantity and quality of learning resources available to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations such as AdoptALibrary.org help connect individuals and organizations that want to donate new and used books to libraries free of charge; and

WHEREAS, these individuals and organizations have helped a number of schools and communities that have experienced difficulties in acquiring library resources, particularly our Native American community and college libraries; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the importance of libraries in their communities and to consider donating books to help others gain new knowledge and wisdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23, 2009, **ADOPT A LIBRARY DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven

Governor

ATTEST:

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